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REGION III**

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

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INFORMATION REQUEST

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Cooches Bridge, LLC
John Todd Ladutko, R.A.

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**Re: Letter Requiring Submission of Information
Newark South Ground Water Plume Site
Newark, New Castle County, Delaware**

Dear Mr. Ladutko:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking information concerning a release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the Newark South Ground Water Plume Site, located in southeast Newark, west of Route 72, between Interstate 95 and Rt. 2 (East Chestnut Hill Road) in New Castle County, Delaware, (hereinafter the Site). The Site is a contaminated groundwater plume located southeast of Newark, Delaware. The Site is generally located under four industrial parks - the Diamond State, Delaware Industrial, Cooches and Blue Hen Industrial Parks, and also one commercial, retail center, Pencader Plaza. Refer to Enclosure G, attached to this letter, for a map. The specific information required is attached to this letter as Enclosure E.

Investigative activities have revealed that municipal wells, supplying drinking water for the City of Newark, are contaminated with perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), solvents and other hazardous compounds. Properties located within the Site area and on adjacent areas surrounding the Site may have or had detections of contamination in the groundwater and soils. Therefore, EPA is conducting a search for Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) in connection with the contaminated groundwater plume and source areas.

EPA's investigation revealed that Cooches Bridge, LLC (hereinafter you) owned that portion of the Site which is located at 1203 Old Cooches Bridge Road (Parcel 18-046.00-090), and 1209 Old Cooches Bridge Road (Parcel 18-046.00-099), Newark, Delaware 19713. Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), EPA has the authority to require you to furnish all information and documents in your possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or

